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Karnad Sadashiv Rao
Dt, Central Library,
Mangalore-3.

Dated 26-8-1955.

From
Sri M.S. Ekambara Rau, B.A., L.T.,
Chairman, Local Library Authority,
South Kanara, Mangalore.

MINISTER FOR FINANCE
11 SEP 1955
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To
The Hon'ble Minister for Education,
Fort St. George,
M a d r a s.

Sir,

Sub :- Local Library Authority, South Kanara - Scheme for the expansion of Library service in the district during the next 5 years 1956-61 - Inclusion in the II 5 year Plan requested.

The Local Library Authority, South Kanara has prepared a scheme of expansion of library service for the next five years, 1956-61. In the opinion of the L.L.A. this scheme, though far from adequate, is the minimum to be aimed at if the needs of the district are to be justly served. But the present resources of the L.L.A. are very meagre and seriously condition even the proposed modest expansion. The L.L.A. thus feels obliged to seek State aid for the implementation of the scheme, and earnestly appeals to you to find some small niche for it in the II 5-year Plan. If it will not be impertinent to say it, a State wide expansion of library service deserves a place in the II Plan. Unlike many other districts, the resources of South Kanara are rather poor and we would therefore venture to bring our needs to your kind notice and appeal to you to give them your most sympathetic consideration.

Yours faithfully,

M. S. Ekambara Rao
31.8.55

Chairman.

H. E. L. A (Es)

No provision has been suggested or is likely to be included in the Second Five year plan for the spread of library service by local library Authorities. The representation from the chairman L.L.A., ~~does~~ can not be considered. May be lodged.

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Scheme for the expansion of library service in the District of South Kanara for the years 1956-61.

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At the L.L.A. meeting held in Coondapoor on 17-7-1955, a Special Committee was appointed to prepare a comprehensive scheme of library service in the district which would fully meet the just requirements of the district and also to indicate measures for finding the requisite funds for this purpose. This latter direction arose out of the observations of the Secretary in his note which occasioned the appointment of the Committee. The note gave a detailed picture of the library service as would appear at the close of the year 1956-57, and stressed the very significant fact that the present resources of the L.L.A. were barely adequate to maintain that framework not to speak of future expansion

The above scheme provides: 1 Central Library in Mangalore; 7 Branch Libraries, one at each of the Taluk headquarters (except in Mangalore where the Central Library is located and in Kasargod where an additional branch for the Hosdrug sub taluk, a Malayalam area, has already been opened); 36 Book Delivery Stations (no stations in the taluks of Mangalore and Karkal which are covered by the Community Project service)

In dealing with the problem the Committee took the stand that it was essential as a first step to formulate a clear picture of a full and just library organisation for the district and then after estimating the cost of maintaining it at the optimum standard of efficient service ascertain how far the normal resources of the L.L.A. would fall short of the requisite expenditure.

The existing picture is obviously far too poor to do justice to the needs of the district which has been in the forefront in the matter of literacy and the general social and cultural advancement of its people. It was felt that the provision of just one branch library and 6 Book Delivery Stations in a taluk was far from adequate. From the point of view of size of population, location and general educational and cultural

importance the Committee could list no less than 27 more centres which deserved branch libraries and 102 centres for book stations (at the rate of 3 round each of the total number of 34 branches).

In estimating the cost of the maintenance of this structure the Committee was faced by a somewhat staggering figure far above the most optimistic expectations of early improvement in the normal income of the L.L.A. The Committee felt regretfully obliged to think of a more practicable scheme for the immediate future in the hope that more favourable circumstances would make it possible in the not very distant future to expand the scheme to the proportions envisaged above.

In framing the scheme proposed below the Committee was guided by two considerations. Although a larger number of branch libraries than the 7 now opened are emphatically called for, it is not necessary that all of them need be of the same standard and size. The gap between the existing branch and the book station is a bit too wide to ensure fair and full distribution of service. While, therefore, the branches which are at taluk headquarters will continue in their present form and size, the additional branches proposed in each taluk may be of a lower denomination involving lesser expenditure. The two classes of libraries are referred to as Branch I and II. In estimating the cost of the proposed scheme, the Committee thought it necessary to work out figures separately for recurring and non-recurring expenditure in order to give a clearer idea of the requirements. In the opinion of the Committee, the following scheme represents the very barest minimum of the reasonable requirements which, as will be explained later, may be expected to be worked out without undue strain on the resources of the L.L.A.

1 Central Library at Mangalore.

7 Branch Libraries, Class I (one at each Taluk Headquarters except in Mangalore which has the Central Library, and in Kasargod where a Branch at Hosdrug is necessary to serve the Malayalam area)

16 Branches (Class II) - 2 in each taluk, except in Mangalore and in Udipi which will have 3 each.

60 Book Delivery Stations (at the rate of 3 round each of the above 23 branches, except for the Branch at Karkal and the two branches to be opened in 60-61 - Hiriadka and Kokkada).

At the close of 1955-56, the Central Library, 7 Branches (lass I) and 18 Book Delivery Stations will have been working. (e 5 year's scheme may be completed by the opening of 8 Branches (lass II) in 1956-57 and thereafter 2 Branches in each or the subsequent years. Starting with 42 Book Stations (24 additional) in 1957-58, the number will be increased by 6 in each of the subsequent years.

The appended statements give the figures of recurring expenditure year by year - and the totals of non-recurring expenditure separately.

It will be observed that the scale of recurring expenditure rises progressively from Rs.63,000 in 1956-57 to Rs.1,03,100 in 1960-61. This latter figure should in the view of the Committee, be deemed as the essential recurring cost for a fairly full library service in the future. If the average annual income of the L.L.A. is taken as Rs.60,000 for the next 5 years. the total deficit for the period works out to be Rs.1.21 lakhs.

Coming to the items of non-recurring expenditure, it is obvious that these cannot be provided for out of the normal income. The need for suitable buildings is an important one as rented ones are ill-suited for housing properly organised libraries. It is essential that the Central and Branch Libraries should have buildings of appropriate design for effective library service. It is hardly necessary to stress the need for goodly collections of books. When once a strong nucleus is established in each centre, their future growth will not present much difficulty. The importance of audio-visual aids in the spread of knowledge is recognised by a suitable provision for projectors, etc. under equipment. The total cost of all these items is estimated at Rs.7.5 lakhs.

The only solution for finding the necessary funds is to urge the State and Central Governments to aid the L.L.A. with

subsidies as part of the II 5-year Plan. The library movement in our country is yet in its infancy and has to make a great headway before it can compare favourably with the achievements of other countries. It is the duty of the State to give it liberal support during this period.

Efforts should also be made to enlist the support of the public in the form of voluntary contributions to supplement State aid.

It may also be reasonably expected that by the close of the 5 year period the annual income of the L.L.A. will increase steadily. In case it fails to reach the Rs.1.03 lakhs mark, this would be a strong argument for increasing the present rate of library cess. If in the course of the period the proposed buildings come to be put up, there will be a fair saving in the rents now provided for.

The Committee strongly recommends that the scheme proposed may be adopted as the barest workable minimum, and that immediate steps be taken to press it on the Government for their favourable consideration and its inclusion in the II 5 year Plan.

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I Statement of Recurring Expenditure for the years 1956-61.

Year,	L.L.A. (Office-T.A.)	Central Library.	Branch Libraries. I	Branch Libraries. II	B.D.Ss.	Total.	Deficit,*			Remarks.
1956-57	5,500	9,000	24,000	20,000	4,500	63,000	3,000	8	Branches,	18 Bk. Delivery Stations.
1957-58	5,750	9,250	25,000	25,800	10,500	76,300	16,300	10	"	42 "
1958-59	6,000	9,500	26,000	31,000	12,000	84,500	24,500	12	"	48 "
1959-60	6,250	9,750	27,000	37,200	13,500	93,700	33,700	14	"	54 "
1960-61	6,500	10,000	28,000	43,600	15,000	1,03,100	43,100	16	"	60 "
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II Statement of Non recurring Expendit

Books etc.	50,000	75,000	50,000	--	1,75,000	
Furniture & Equipment,	25,000	20,000	20,000	10,000	75,000	
Buildings,	,00,000	200,000	2,00,000	--	5,00,000	
Total	1,75,000	295,000	2,75,000	10,000	7,50,000	

Details of expenditure of each Unit.

	L.L.A. Office and T.A. Monthly	Annual	Increases every Year.		Central. Monthly	Annual	Increases every year.		Branch I Monthly	Annual	Increases every Year.		Branch II Monthly	Annual	Increases every Year.	
Head Clerk	133		3		Chief Librarian	135		5	85		3		70			
Typist.	77		3		Asst.	90		3	-		-		-			
Peon.	40		1		Addl.	70		3	-		-		-			
	250	3000	7	84	Peon.	50		1	37		1		37			
Postage.		300			Rent.	150		-	40		-		25			
Stationery.		200		166	LIghting.	25		-	10		-		8			
T. A.		2000			Menial.	30		1	8		1		6			
		5500		250	Contingencies.	15			10		-		4			
						565	6780	13	190	2280	5	60	150	1800		
					Postage		100			60						
					Stationery		300			250						
					Printing.		200			100						
					Binding		500	100		200						
					Repairs		100			60						
					Reading Room		1000			600						
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LOCAL LIBRARY AUTHORITY, SOUTH KANARA.

Karnad Sadashiv Rao
Dt. Central Library,
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Dated 30-8-1955.

From
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Chairman, Local Library Authority,
South Kanara, Mangalore.

To
Hon'ble A.B. Shetty, M.L.A.,
Minister for Public Health.
Govt. of Madras.
Madras.

Dear Sir,

Sub:- Local Library Authority, South Kanara - Scheme for the expansion of Library service in the district during the next 5 years 1956-61 - Inclusion in the II 5 year Plan requested.

Libraries - local library Authority
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together with a copy of the Scheme prepared by the Authority for the expansion of Library Service in the district is forwarded to the D.P.I. for such action as may be deemed necessary

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O.N. The draft memo above is submitted with ref to the orders of A.S. on f57 ante.